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Slovakia Livestock and Products BSE Update 2004

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Report Highlights:

The State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVPS) conducted laboratory examinations on 7,427 beef samples in November, out of which none were found to have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Since the beginning of the year Slovak vets tested a total of 80,968 beef samples, finding two BSE positive. Slovak vets discovered the latest case of BSE, or mad cow disease, in Slovakia in mid-April 2003. This was the thirteenth case of a BSE positive cow in Slovakia.

Includes PSD Changes: No Includes Trade Matrix: No Unscheduled Report Vienna [AU1] [LO] The State Veterinary and Food Administration (SVPS) conducted laboratory examinations on 7,427 beef samples in November, out of which none were found to have bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). Of all of the administration's tests, 5,965 were done on healthy animals, 1,164 on deceased animals, and 293 on emergency slaughtered livestock. Five samples were tested on animals with clinical signs of BSE; however, all of these proved to be negative. Since the beginning of the year Slovak vets tested a total of 80,968 beef samples, finding two BSE positive.

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